

Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board Nominees

Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

University of Arizona

***Student Union Memorial Center, Catalina Room
1303 East University Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona***

Members/Nominees Present:

Nadine Mathis-Basha, Chair
Rhian Evans-Allvin
Gary Pasquinelli
Dr. Pamela Powell
Vivian Juan-Saunders; Chairwoman Tohono O'odham Nation
Paul Luna
Dr. Eugene Thompson
Tracy Wareing; Director, DES
Karen Woodhouse; Deputy Associate Superintendent, ADE

Members/Nominees Absent:

Jack Jewitt
Susan Gerard; Director, DHS
The Honorable Cecil Patterson, Jr.
Anthony Rodgers; Director, AHCCCS

Staff Present:

Early Childhood Development and Health Board (ECDHB)

Elliott Hibbs; Interim Executive Director
Donna Linkous; Support Services Administrator
Glenda Bye; Executive Staff Assistant
Sandy Foreman; Sr. Program Specialist

State School Readiness Board (SRB)

Karen Ortiz; Director
Jennifer Johnson
Donna Migliore
Judy Walruff

All lists, reports, summaries, background materials, and other documents referred to in these minutes can be found in the May 22 and 23, 2007, Documents Files.

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

II. Call to the Public

Eleanor Droegemeier with the Tucson Unified School District addressed the Board regarding the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria for preschool programs. She stressed that the education piece is key.

III. Approval of April 24 & 25, 2007 Meeting minutes

Dr. Thompson moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Pasquinelli seconded the motion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Governance Issues

Executive Director Search update

The Chair has appointed a sub-committee to review the applications for the position. Sub-committee members are Nadine Mathis Basha, Jack Jewett, Vivian Juan-Saunders and Gary Pasquinelli. One hundred twenty applications have been received. Of this 120, there is a pool of 40 from varied backgrounds who meet the minimum qualifications. Since there is a large pool of candidates from which to choose, the Chair feels optimistic that they will be able to select the best candidate. It was recommended that those not selected for the Executive Director be given the opportunity to be considered for a Program Director position. Board and other experts in the field are advised that they may contact any prospects who they think may be interested and encourage them to apply. Applications have been received from all across the country, but the majority are from Arizona.

a. Approval of Policy 1-104 Meeting Procedures

1-105 Call to the Public Procedures

These Policies were developed following Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Jewett moved that the Board approve these two policies. Dr. Thompson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the last paragraph of 1-104 and the first bullet under "The Board retains its prerogative to:." No changes were made to the policy and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Review drafts of the following:

- Policy Manual - Table of Contents
- Preface and Disclaimer
- 1-101 Organization, Authority and Location
- 1-102 Departures from Board Policy
- 1-103 Meetings of the Board
- 1-106 Minutes of Meetings of the Board
- 1-107 Committees and Subcommittees
- 1-108 Board Officers and Their Duties
- 1-109 Communications To or From the Board
- 1-110 Lobbying
- 1-112 Amendments
- 1-113 Rulemaking
- 1-114 Personnel

Drafts of the above listed policies were presented for first reading and consideration by the Board. Linda Blessing summarized each policy and fielded questions from the Board. The Board suggested some changes to incorporate into the policies. Ms. Blessing will make the requested changes in the second draft to be presented at the June meeting.

Ms. Blessing advised that Policy 1-111, Conflict of Interest, will be on the June agenda for first reading.

V. Work Group Reports

a. Quality Child Care

Sandy Foreman presented an overview of several fact sheets related to child care. It was explained that facilities do not always have the resources to provide the quality of care that is necessary to fully prepare children to begin the learning process. The chair requested that a matrix be developed. Sandy suggested that it be done with an overlay of what is currently happening in AZ regarding centers that have accreditation. There was a brief review of centers visited this morning. Sandy presented some questions to the Board to encourage discussion and sharing of perceptions of the centers reviewed during the pre-meeting site visits.

b. Healthy Child Collaborative

Judy Walruff explained that this is a carry-over work-group from SRB. It is a systems grant earned by the state in a competitive grant through the Department of Health and Human Services. It provides emotional and social

growth and also provides education to the parents. The Grant is in the second year of three year implementation phases. In the future, the Board may have the opportunity to re-apply for these grant monies.

VI. Regional Boundaries Project Status Update

Linda Cannon stated that this is one of the most important items facing the Board. It is progressing on a timely fashion. Chairwoman Juan-Saunders stated she spoke on this subject at tribal meetings. Between today, May 22 and June 5 the tribes will be meeting to decide if they want to be included in a region or be an independent region.

VII. Needs and Assets Assessment Project Update

The assessment is an evolving document and we will continue to get access to new studies and information needed. Linda Cannon reported the project is on schedule.

VIII. Adjournment

The Chair reminded everyone of the Public Forum beginning in the evening at 6 pm and adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Approved by the Board June 16, 2007:



Nadine Mathis Basha, Chairman